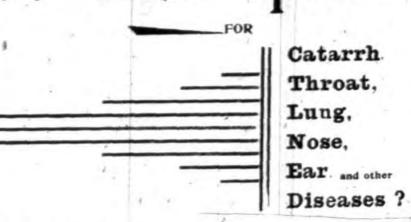
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a thing might be possible. The shooting star is originally a miniathre world, revolving around the sun with as much regularity as the earth, Jupiter, Venus or Mars. It keeps up this unerring flight thousands or even millions of years. Finally it reaches the limit of its existence. Suddenly and perhaps without any visible cause it shoots off at a tangent. It is now a "Shooting star." Formerly it was a world, but even now it is not bright as other stars are. Let us see what will canse it to "flame up like a gigantic torch in the heavens." This particular body that we are talking about shot off from its orbit in the direction of our earth. Its speed is not less than 20

males a second, probably five times that. In the great outer sea of space it en counters no resistance to its headlong flight. But wait. It is nearing the envelope of atmosphere which surrounds our globe. What will be the result when it comes in contact with "the air we breathe?" The first stratum it strikes is so attenuated that its resistance is very slight. Yet the friction is great enough to instantly raise the temperature of the falling world. Within the handredth part of a second the dense stratum of atmosphere has been encountered. The flight of the little world is now perceptibly checked, the result beby a sudden firing of the mineral ma ters in the stone. There is an instanta neons burst of light, and then we see the doomed representative of the miniature planets in all its meteoric splendor. Bloomfield, Montclair Possibly the streak of fire it leaves athwart the heavens will not appear to be more than a few hundred feet long. Certainly it will be thin and short if the little world was not larger than a EXPRESS CO football-because it will be almost instantly consumed as soon as it strikes the denser portions of the atmosphere. Ou the other hand, if this world which has so suddenly come to an end was as | 90 Murray Street New York. large as a good sized barn when it started, fragments of it weighing from 10 to 1,000 pounds may reach the earth. I

stars."-St. Louis Republic. DIRECTED HER LETTER TO HEAVEN. Pathetic Little Story of a Child's Epistle

to Her Dead Mother. At a recent wedding the bride had retired to her dressing room to don her retired to her dressing room to don her traveling gown. Her mother had been dead a year or more, and she had had the constant care and companionship of Fer little sister ever since their affliction. The 7-year-old entered the room and went to her sister's chair very thoughtfully. Drawing a letter from the little pocket, she said:

"Alice, here is a letter to mamma. have just written, telling her all about the wedding. Will you send it to her?' The elder sister, a little shocked, replied as gently as possible that she donldn't send a letter to mother.

Then the little one, looking quite bright, said promptly: Oh, yes, you can, because now you are married, you will be getting a little gial, and when you send for her, just port to his Government rated give the doctor this letter, and he can take it to mamma when he goes for the

And there on the envelope was the address, printed as best she could: "To Mamma, In Heaven. Kindness of the She took the letter, and hugged the little one to hide the tear which was

rubbed off on the curly, brown head .-

Early Candlelight State Dinners. It appears that in olden times the er than any other president used to give his dinner parties at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The grandfather of Representative Acheson pay duty accordof Pennsylvania once dined with George ingly. This but Washington, and his family have preserved the invitation. It is written in a business hand on a fourth page of a ular verdict. Colsheet of ordinary note paper, with the umbias are lines running lengthwise across the sheet, and reads as follows:

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ished by Lequest. "If any men-maiout you seem to se religious and and bridle h no. his tongue, but deceiveth his own heert, this man's religion is vain." St.

Clear and strong is the note of times teaching sounded by Collect, Episcle, turne and lesson for this Quingoage ima while Sunday. It is the lesson of charity, test charity which covers the whole circle of elationship in which we stand, proceeding from love for God

to love for our fellow man. Last Quinguagesima Sunday I spoke to you of charity in our judgmeats of our fellow men. To-day I would speak to you of charity in our speech concerning our fellowmen. It is an old offender that stands to-

day at the bar of conscience. One that has been found guilty of the foules: wrongs ; one that has laid plots against the purest characters, blasted the peace of households and disrupted the most prosperous par

It is an old offender, I say, for it there were idle persons who went about from bouse to bouse, dropping slander as they went. And yet you could not pe haps fasten upon any word or senience, and say that it was wholly false, for there may be just a grain of truth in the slander, enough to prevent it being called wholly felse-and tuerein lies its des ructivepess, to half truths are tenfold more fruitful of evil and calumny han whole falsehoods. It is not necessary that a word should be spoken even, merely a significant look, a shrugged shoulde, or even an emphatic a 'ence may do the work, and when the little thing that has done the mischie', has flattered off, the venom is 'eft behind to work and rankle, to inflame human searis, to fever Human existence, and to poison human society. Peelingly was it said by one whose whole being had smarted under such affliction

"Adder's poison is under their ! .s. Well has it been said that "the e is nothing more unaccountable than the spell that lurks in a spoken work A kind word has give a courage to more than one despondent heart, while struck by a cruel word more than one genile spir't has sobbed i sell into the gr. ve," Ah, my friends, if we would but "heed not so much how we are spokes to, but rather hose see speak," what a mighty cloud of cor-

row would be lifted from the world. Evil speaking is indeed a vice far, far too common among us all. It is found in the d swing 100m as well as in the kitchen, in the city and in the little country vidage. You may remember the words of the late Poet Laureste of England regarding this vice words that I fear world be applicable to every town and village in our land, not even excepting ocr own. "Below me here is a village which 'oo'.s how quiet and smal,

And yet brobles o'er like be ony a 42 jos-

The long-necked peece of . 10 wor d are ever

houle, dispraise Because their na u es are tittle. Whether he heed it or not. Each man walks with his head,' a a c'ond of poisonous flies.

We cannot be kind to each sibe. for su hour; We whisper, and lifet, and chnekle, and grin at a brocker's shame,

sice has labe so bas only

We men are a Utils breed."

Too true is it that "half the world takes pleasure in inventing scandal, and the other half in believing it." I doubt if many of us realize how much of the teaching of the New Testament bears directly on this sin of evil speech. St. James in the 3rd chapter of his existle gives a decerio tion of the tongue which opens to us the whole connection of our speech with the inner man. This mervellone faculty, one of the unpassed bounds y lines between es and the bruie, this wrondrous gift of God has in it slike the cap; city of use or abuse. The same genius that

moulds it into the music of Heaven can debese it into he dislect of hell. Words, my friends, are things. They are not more pulsations of the air, though we seem to think they are. We speak them and forget them? -Yet each word came from within and each has its abiding result. "By thy words shalt thou be justified and by thy words shalt thou be condemned, is a sentence of Sc ipture for over think of. Yet the Scripture only echoes the experience of our countience and our life." From the days of Moses all slong down the agus there hes sounded in the cars of

men the divine command "Thou shall

not bear false witness against thy